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VEHICLE

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Examiner: Justin Mitchell Krause

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### SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56 and §§1.97-1.98, and more particularly in accordance with 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c), Applicants hereby cite the following references:

No.	Date of Publication	Patentee/Applicant/Country
US 6,225,578 B1	05/01/2001	Kobayashi et al.
US 6,525,283 B2	02/25/2003	Leng
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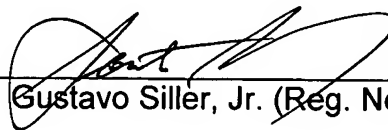
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Respectfully submitted,

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